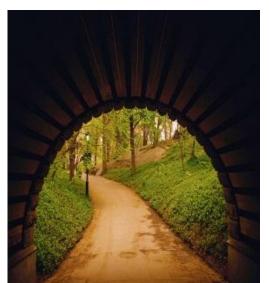
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Today, as I was folding my laundry from the dryer, I notice a string had come completely out of my hooded blouse, so, I began to look around for a safety pin. For ones who may not know what a safety pin is; it is a small metal device bent in a fashion of a u-shape with a sharp point on the end that has a closure for protection. I hardly ever use a safety pin because it is one of those items many people don't use unless in an emergency such as, pinning a fallen hem in a skirt or pair of pants or a piece of clothing in another place on the body that needs repairing.

So, I finally found a lone safety pin mixed in with my push-pin box. As if I found a dollar in one of the pockets of my jeans, I happily returned to the pile of dried laundry with the string-less hooded blouse next to them. I carefully unlocked the safety pin by pushing the needle side and slowly moving it out of the closed locking position to open it in the unlocking position. Picking up the string, I looked for the best place to push the sharp point of the safety pin so I may return it to its proper place in the blouse.

"Yes", I said thinking in my head, "the end of the string is going to be best to place the safety pin." This is one of the trickiest and unsafe parts of closing the sharp point of the safety pin back into its closure locking position. If a person do not carefully watch and execute the sharp point in the correct position at the end of the string, it may possibly stick his or her finger instead. Not to worry, I placed the point of the safety pin at the end of the string without any injury.

Now, I need to find the hole to place the safety-pinned string, if you will, to push it through the "tunnel." "A tunnel?" you may ask. I digress here, have you driven through a tunnel in your automobile? Before you entered a completely covered tunnel on the highway the sky was blue and the sun was shining, but upon entering the tunnel it became dark. There are many tunnels on the highways and roads a person may drive through in his or her automobile.

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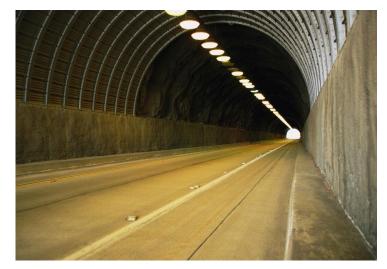
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Although you know darkness is coming, do you notice a changed of perception within your personality when driving through the tunnel? Even the pupil of the eyes changed when entering a dark tunnel; the eyes try to find more light in a darkened area. When entering the tunnel, our eyes and mind are focused on the tiny and small speck of light at the end of the tunnel. You may question, "Is there a point to this story? Yes, there is a parallel reason between the string-less hooded blouse with a safety pin on the end of a string, and I will return to the point (no pun intended).

When I located the hole of the string-less hooded blouse, I pushed the safety-pinnedstringed string through and this is when the Holy Spirit of the LORD God Almighty gave me this

spiritual lesson that I am now sharing with you.

When putting the safety-pinned-stringed string through the "tunnel", I had to push and pull almost at the same time for it to move through. At times, I had to push the safety-pinned-stringed string by pushing the edge of the "tunnel" of the string-less blouse, and at other times, I had to pull the stringed-less blouse for the safety-pinned-



stringed string to go through. This is the Spiritual lessons from the LORD God Almighty:

- The LORD God Almighty represents the safety pin.
- The string represents the individual.
- The string-less blouse (tunnel) represents our lives.
- The fingers pushing and pulling the safety pinned stringed string and string-less blouse represents the Holy Spirit.

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Many of us are living in a rose-colored sunglasses life of not knowing who God is or what He desires of us as believers. We attend services at our congregations, but there is no Light in our life. We are going through the motions of showing up at the place of worship, and we are not really having a Spiritual meaningful potent life-experience with the Savior of the world by His



Holy Spirit. We think it is normal to feel this way, and anyway, we think, "Everyone else is feeling and talking the same way." Although it appears to be sunny outside and the sky is blue and all seems well in our lives, until we (string) are thrown out of our "tunnel" by a natural (washing machine) or unnatural force (weather anomaly). Living our lives without the covering, shielding and protection from the LORD God Almighty Yeshua Messiah and the Holy Spirit could cause us to become spiritually hurt or damaged. We need to have the ONE to help us return on the straight and narrow road of a Spiritual prosperous walk, power and life in the Almighty God.

The safety pin possesses a sharp point of the double-edged sword of the Word of God, and also a protected shield covering to prevent harm. This protected cover for the sharp point is also a way the LORD God Almighty will protect us from danger through having faith, hope, and trust in Him. God Almighty is so awesome and wonderful of this two-way involvement with us of chastisement for disobedience and compassion of obedience from the LORD as he "sticks" (with a Spiritual "spanking") the string (individual) to guide and direct the person in the darken "tunnel" toward the Light of His goodness, grace, mercy, love, and salvation. You may think the LORD God Almighty is being cruel and mean, but He truly loves us so much He is willing to risk our limited thinking of such a thought to place us back upon the Spiritual life eternal and powerful path that leads back to Him.

So while we are approaching, inside and driving through the tunnel:

 GOD will push and pull us to change our limited fleshly thinking toward a born-again by the Holy Spirit thinking and living; on the outset this will feel uneasy and uncomfortable

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and at times emotional painful but He is purging, purifying, and pruning us for His holiness and perfection.

- GOD will refocus our fleshly eyes and minds of worldly desires to Spiritual eyes and minds of Godly desires.
- GOD will renew a right spirit of Light living in us and eliminate the old wrong dead spirit
 of lifelessness.
- GOD will guide, direct, and lead us toward His Light of Spiritual learning, knowledge, and wisdom to walk, talk and live in His ways pleasing to Him.
- GOD will give us His protection, provision, power, and peace as we continue to look toward the Light with the Spiritual mind, heart, and soul of loving, serving, and obeying the ONE MOST HIGH.

When one of your strings comes out of a blouse, shirt or pants, look at the experience as the LORD God Almighty is stringing you through the tunnel toward His Light of compassionate, gracious, and wholesome living through His Son, Yeshua (Jesus) by the Holy Spirit.



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Psalm 89:32

Then will I punish their transgression with the rod [of chastisement], and their iniquity with stripes.

Isaiah 10:12

Therefore when the Lord has completed all His work [of chastisement and purification to be executed] on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, it shall be that He will inflict punishment on the fruit [the thoughts, words, and deeds] of the stout and arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the haughtiness of his pride.

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Jeremiah 4:22

[Their chastisement will continue until it has accomplished its purpose] for My people are stupid, says the Lord [replying to Jeremiah]; they do not know and understand Me. They are thickheaded children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge [and know not how].

Ieremiah 10:24

O Lord, correct, instruct, and chastise me, but with judgment and in just measure--not in Your anger, lest You diminish me and bring me to nothing.

Jeremiah 31:18

I have surely heard Ephraim [Israel] moaning thus: You have chastised me, and I was chastised, like a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke; bring me back, that I may be restored, for You are the Lord my God.

Ezekiel 25:17

And I will execute great vengeance upon them with wrathful rebukes and chastisements, and they shall know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord, when I lay My vengeance upon them.

Hosea 5:2

The revolters are deeply sunk in corruption and slaughter, but I [the Lord God] am a rebuke and achastisement for them all.

2 Thessalonians 1:8

To deal out retribution (chastisement and vengeance) upon those who do not know or perceive or become acquainted with God, and [upon those] who ignore and refuse to obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Hebrews 12:10

For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.

Hebrews 9:9

Seeing that that first [outer portion of the] tabernacle was a parable (a visible symbol or type or picture of the present age). In it gifts and sacrifices are offered, and yet are incapable of perfecting the conscience or of cleansing and renewing the inner man of the worshiper.

Titus 3:5

He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity and mercy, by [the] cleansing [bath] of the new birth (regeneration) and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Colossians 3:10

And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it.

Ephesians 4:23

And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude].

2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

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Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Lamentations 5:21

Turn us to Yourself, O Lord, and we shall be turned and restored! Renew our days as of old!—

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired.

Psalm 119:107

I am sorely afflicted; renew and guicken me [give me life], O Lord, according to Your word!

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 13:3

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten the eyes [of my faith to behold Your face in the pitchlike darkness], lest I sleep the sleep of death,

Psalm 18:28

For You cause my lamp to be lighted and to shine; the Lord my God illumines my darkness.

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Psalm 27:1

[[A Psalm] of David.] THE LORD is my Light and my Salvation--whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 36:9

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:130

The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

Isaiah 2:5

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Daniel 2:22

He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him!

John 1:5

And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].

<u>Iohn 1:9</u>

There it was--the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] that illumines every person.

John 3:19

The [basis of the] judgment (indictment, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence) lies in this: the Light has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than and more than the Light, for their works (deeds) were evil.

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John 3:20

For every wrongdoer hates (loathes, detests) the Light, and will not come out into the Light but shrinks from it, lest his works (his deeds, his activities, his conduct) be exposed and reproved.

John 3:21

But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are--wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him].

John 8:12

Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.

John 12:35

So Jesus said to them, You will have the Light only a little while longer. Walk while you have the Light [keep on living by it], so that darkness may not overtake and overcome you. He who walks about in the dark does not know where he goes [he is drifting].

John 12:36

While you have the Light, believe in the Light [have faith in it, hold to it, rely on it], that you may become sons of the Light and be filled with Light. Jesus said these things, and then He went away and hid Himself from them [was lost to their view].

John 12:46

I have come as a Light into the world, so that whoever believes in Me [whoever cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] may not continue to live in darkness.

Acts 13:47

For so the Lord has charged us, saying, I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles (the heathen), that you may bring [eternal] salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.

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Acts 26:18

To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Me.

Acts 26:23

That the Christ (the Anointed One) must suffer and that He, by being the first to rise from the dead, would declare and show light both to the [Jewish] people and to the Gentiles.

2 Corinthians 4:4

For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God Who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts so as [to beam forth] the Light for the illumination of the knowledge of the majesty and glory of God [as it is manifest in the Person and is revealed] in the face of Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

Ephesians 5:8

For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].

Ephesians 5:9

For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light or the Spirit [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.

Colossians 1:12

Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light.

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1 Thessalonians 5:5

For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 John 1:5

And this is the message [the message of promise] which we have heard from Him and now are reporting to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him at all [no, not in any way].

1 John 1:7

But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].